



## 2015-2016 Information

When school starts in the *fall is the time to kick off your Religious Emblems program*. There are also other Catholic activities and resources available to Scouters on behalf of Catholic Scouts. For the most part, these are open to *all Catholic Scouts*, whether or not registered with a Catholic-chartered unit. Consider local outreach to include all Catholic Scouts in your Religious Emblems classes, Scout Sunday, and other activities. Please visit <http://www.rc.net/winona/wdcss/> at any time for your Catholic Scouting needs.

### Religious Emblems



These emblems are age-appropriate faith formation and may only be awarded to Catholic youth registered in a BSA unit. Work may begin at any time. Because Scout Sunday in February is a great time to award them, *we recommend kicking off in September*. Emblems must be ordered through the Diocese of Winona.

**Light of Christ** Designed for 6-7 years old Cub Scouts. Must be a Tiger or Wolf and work with his parents. <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/LightOfChrist.php>

**Parvuli Dei** Designed for 8-10 years old Cub Scouts. Must be a Bear or Webelos and work with his parents. <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/ParvuliDei.php>

**Ad Altare Dei** Designed for Catholic youth that have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade and been active in a Troop or Crew for six months. Based on the seven sacraments and led by a trained counselor. <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/AdAltareDei.php>

**Pope Pius XII** Designed for any crew or troop member 15 years old and older. It concerns church-related ministries and vocations and is led by a trained counselor. <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/PopePiusXII.php>

**Light is Life** Designed for Boy Scouts 12 -13 years old of the Eastern-rite Catholic Churches, in lieu of the Ad Altare Dei. One may not earn both. It is led by a trained counselor. <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/LightIsLife.php>

### Pillars of Faith - Duty to God



This special pin was originally designed for the Diocese of Colorado Springs. It is intended to be awarded to a boy who has earned all four Catholic youth religious emblems, a rare event. *The boy should have completed his fourth emblem in the past two years or currently be a registered youth*. [Note: Eastern Catholics should be aware that it depicts the Ad Altare Dei along with the other three.] Download the application at <http://www.rc.net/winona/wdcss/forms/pillars.pdf>

## Religious Emblems Counselor/Moderator/Coordinator

A Religious Emblems Counselor is required to lead the three Boy Scout emblems. He or she must be a registered member of the BSA, with references checked or background checks completed as appropriate. *VIRTUS*® Online training must be completed. Contact Tim Valley at [valley.tim@charter.net](mailto:valley.tim@charter.net) for training information. These three emblems may not be earned without a religious emblems counselor. Counselors, please coordinate local classes for *all of the Catholic Scouts in your city*.

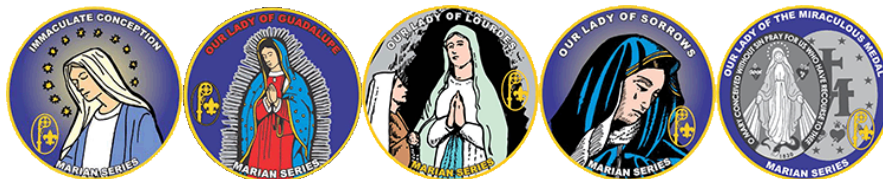
## Religious Activities

There are several series of religious activities in which those interested will find fun, easy ways to learn more about their faith, Catholic role models, and the faith community. All youth and adults — Scout or not, Catholic or not, male or female — may participate. These may be used by groups, families, schools, or any BSA unit. See the complete list at <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/>.



The first activity in the **Rosary Series** describes how to pray the Rosary, and each of the following activities describes one of the four mysteries: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious.

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/RosarySeries.php>



Each activity in the **Marian Series** examines one of the nineteen Marian Feasts commemorated in the US, focusing on how and why the Church has honored Mary for more than 2,000 years. Currently available:

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/ms-ImmaculateConception.php>

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/ms-OurLadyofGuadalupe.php>

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/ms-OurLadyofLourdes.php>

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/ms-OurLadyofSorrows.php>

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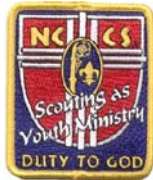


**Footsteps of American Saints** encourages youth to learn about individuals (Venerable, Blessed, or Saint) who have shaped Catholicism in America. <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/FootstepsOfAmericanSaints.php>



The **Faith Series** provides a group of activities to help youth and adults to learn more about the universal faith-based practices and traditions used in living the Catholic faith. Corporal Works of Mercy kicks off the series.

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/fs-CorporalWorksofMercy.php>



The Duty to God patch recognizes Scouting as a Youth Ministry in the Catholic Church. There are no set requirements, but it could be used to signify Catholic Scouting involvement or to recognize a Scout that volunteers for his parish. <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/ScoutUnits/DutyToGod.php>

## National Catholic Quality Unit Award – Pope Pius VI



Cooperation, development, and program are the key words in recognizing Catholic chartered units as “quality units”. Religious emblems and activities are part of the program, as is cooperation with the local diocese as the unit does with the local BSA council. Are you a quality Catholic unit? You probably already meet many of the requirements. <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/ScoutUnits/CatholicQualityUnitAward.php>

## Adult Recognition – Bronze Pelican



For adults who have made an outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth within the diocese for a period of *three* years, in both Catholic and non-Catholic units. Candidates may be laity and clergy, Catholic and non-Catholic, male and female. Recipients of the Bronze Pelican **are not** eligible to wear the BSA adult religious knot. See the nomination form at <http://www.rc.net/winona/wdccc/forms/adults.pdf>

## Adult Recognition – St George Emblem



For adults who have made an outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth within the diocese for a period of *five* years, in both Catholic and non-Catholic units. Candidates may be laity and clergy, Catholic and non-Catholic, male and female. Recipients of the St George **are eligible to wear the BSA adult religious knot**. See the nomination form at <http://www.rc.net/winona/wdccc/forms/adults.pdf>

## **Seminary Retreat – Fall 2015**

This inaugural event is being planned. Stay tuned for more information.

## **Priesthood Sunday – October 25, 2015**

Does your parish celebrate Priesthood Sunday? Do you explain the concept of vocations to your Scouts? Perhaps your Scouts can simply send a card or place something in the Church bulletin to let it be known that you love and affirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church through His priests on earth. <http://www.priestsunday.org/> and <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/ScoutUnits/PriesthoodSunday.php>

## **Scout Sunday – February 7, 2016**

A Scout is Reverent. This is a good time to award religious emblems and patches and show your parish that you support Scouting. Does your parish celebrate Scout Sunday? Do you support your Scouts attending at another parish? See <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Relationships/ascoutisreverent.aspx>

## **Bishop's Mass – 2016 date to be announced**

The Diocese of Winona specifies a date and place to celebrate Scouting with our Bishop. It is especially a time to recognize recipients of the **Pillars of Faith – Duty to God** as well as adults who received the **Bronze Pelican** or **St George Emblem**.